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From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: ASSIGNMENT OF A NAME TO A VEHICLE CARGO SHIP

1. Purpose. To advise addressees of the approved name for a vehicle cargo ship authorized for construction.
2. Classification and Name. The following name is hereby effective.

CLASSIFICATION

T-AKR 310

NAME

WATSON

3. Name Source. WATSON (T-AKR 310) honors Private George Watson, USA (1914-1943), Medal of Honor recipient for heroism in World War II. When the ship carrying his unit was sunk by Japanese bombers near Porloch Harbor, New Guinea on 8 March 1943, Private Watson remained in the water to help other soldiers reach life rafts. Exhausted by his selfless efforts, he was unable to get clear of the turbulence when the ship went down. The name WATSON was assigned to a World War II destroyer (DD 482) in honor of Rear Admiral John C. Watson, USN (1842-1923), but construction was canceled in 1946.

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